

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 672

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate head coach John Wild and the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team on winning the 2011-2012 TSSAA AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, ranked fifth in the ESPN Hoopgultz Fab 50, the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team is one such estimable team. The Lady Warriors recently won the 2011-2012 TSSAA AAA Basketball State Tournament Championship, posting an outstanding record of thirty-four wins and three losses; and

WHEREAS, after advancing to the State Tournament Championship game at the Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, Riverdale High School captured the AAA State Girls Basketball Championship for its second title in three seasons with a resounding 70-55 triumph over nationally-ranked Science Hill High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout the state championship game against Science Hill, the Lady Warriors were led by senior Shacobia Barbee, who posted twenty points and grabbed nine rebounds on her way to being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Class AAA Miss Basketball; and

WHEREAS, withstanding Science Hill's furious third-quarter comeback effort, the Lady Warriors rallied together in the fourth quarter with a full-court press to capture the state championship trophy; and

WHEREAS, Middle Tennessee State University signee Olivia Jones scored fifteen points, Alexa Middleton posted fourteen points, and Toyree Watkins added twelve to join teammates Shacobia Barbee and Tyisha Petty on the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of head coach John Wild is without peer; Coach Wild's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes were perfectly on display during the Lady Warrior's run to the championship; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom and this magnificent team performed with precision during the season, earning its well deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, the quality of its play, and competitive spirit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate head coach John Wild and members of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team upon winning the 2011-2012 TSSAA AAA State Championship and wish them continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.